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MANY ATTEND CLUB BANQUET

UPPER VALLEY FOLK HONOR GUESTS

All Speakers Rejoice Over Initiation of Work on Grade that will Eliminate Booth Hill

One of the largest crowds present at a banquet here in recent years participated Thursday night in the dinner reception tendered by the Hood River County Commercial Club to the citizens of the Upper Valley. Three hundred and eleven were seated in the big Lotus Grille, where the event was staged.

The event was in a measure a celebration of the beginning of construction on the valley trunk line of the Mount Hood Loop Highway. The new road will eliminate the hazardous grade over Booth Hill, which since time immemorial has been a barrier between the Upper and Lower Hood River valleys. The sentiment was expressed by all speakers at the Thursday night banquet that the completion of the new trunk road would result in but a single Hood River valley community.

Truman Butler was toastmaster. An address of welcome was delivered by R. C. O. Blanchard. A. L. Joe responded for the honor guests, Carl H. Vaughan took for his topic, "Unity," declaring that unified action on the part of the peoples of all communities would result in advancement of the whole district. G. M. Uptegrove, Upper Valley orchardist, urged a closer relationship between the two districts, declaring his confidence in such a result when the new highway is complete. S. J. Moore, scheduled for a speech, was unable to resist an invitation to the Pendleton Round-Up just before the banquet. His paper, expatiating on the needs of the Commercial Club to foster the 1922 fair, the American Legion's Mount Hood climb and aid in the exploitation of Oregon scenery, now made accessible by a splendid system of highways, was read by P. S. Davidson.

A. W. Perley, special representative of the mechanical department of the O-W-R & N. Co., told the folk of the two communities of the present day problems of railway companies. J. H. Fredrick, who was declared one of the speakers to direct the destinies of most folk of the valley, told of the hopes and aspirations of the Commercial Club. The meeting was enlivened by violin music by G. King Beaton and Geo. A. Wuest. Mrs. F. S. Davidson gave vocal solos. Miss Sara Howes was piano accompanist. All the musical numbers won encores.

Following the program the banquet-dancers danced for a short time. The following is an address, prepared by S. J. Moore for the Commercial Club banquet in honor of Upper Valley residents. In the absence of Mr. Moore the paper was read by P. S. Davidson.

I am at a loss to know why I have been asked to address you. But as I look over the program I find there are other novices here like myself who are commissioned with the responsibility of entertaining you. I cannot conceive what is in the mind of the president of the Commercial Club. Does he think this is so slight an occasion that he need not wheel out his 60 centimeter guns. I see they are here. Mr. Blanchard and Mr. Butler never refuse an opportunity to speak and they will I fear be hurt at not being asked to demonstrate their forensic ability tonight. Even Mr. Fredrick has been known to consent reluctantly if sufficiently urged.

I heard of a native of Dublin who was found very sick in a New York lodging house. A physician was called who diagnosed the case as malignant smallpox. "Is there anything we can do or any one you would like to see?" they asked the Irishman. "Call a Jewish rabbi," he said. "What do you mean, Pat?" asked his friends. "You are an Irishman and you don't want a Jewish rabbi." "Sure, said Pat, 'if I am going to die I want someone to say a bit of prayer and far be it from me to expose to smallpox one of my own thru faith.' Perhaps someone had this in mind when they asked me to address you about your duty toward the Commercial Club.

I remember a very earnest minister who was preaching on "The Sheep and the Goats." After he had described the good characteristics of the sheep, he pointed to his flock and cried dramatically, "Here are the sheep, but where are the goats?" O where are the goats? Brethren, where are the goats? A fellow who was sleeping in the back got up and said thickly, "Parson, rather see this show stop, I'll be the goat." So here I am, a goat, and I am addressing you about your duty toward the Commercial Club.

The Commercial Club is the agency through which community opinion may express itself. It is a clearing house for ideas. What does Hood River think of a bond issue for the loop road? What course does the county want the court to follow in adopting a road program? How shall we take care of the tourists who are coming to Hood River? What shall we do to make them feel our hospitality and human spirit?

Now somewhere in every progressive community there must be some organization through which an entire community can express itself in action. There are other organizations doing fine work but they belong to a special group and rightly so. The game association is for sportsmen, the grange specializes in rural problems, the merchants' association in problems of merchandising, but the Commercial Club seeks to gather farmer, merchant, physician, minister, business man all together in a community of fine civic and business enterprise.

When for instance, distinguished visitors come to our valley they should be the guests of the entire community. But that cannot be paid for in taxes. So some voluntary group must care for this essential work.

Again, constantly individuals and organizations in planning trips or in seeking homes are writing to the Commercial Club because they feel that this organization is in a position to give them reliable information. The Commercial Club is the community point of contact with the outside world.

The booklet of information about Hood River published by the club a year and a half ago has gone to all parts of the country and has brought much inquiry concerning our valley. For our members we have as fine club rooms as are to be found in any of the smaller towns. For the ladies we maintain a well equipped rest room and clean lavatories which they are at liberty to use anytime. The dues are 50 cents per month for country members and \$1 per month for those who live in town.

First, we want you, your enthusiasm, your work and loyalty, and then we want your membership fee.

With the new publicity Hood River is getting, first, from being on the world's greatest scenic highway; second, from the Loop road; third, from the American Legion Mt. Hood climb; fourth, from the 1922 fair, it is absolutely and undeniably essential that our club take no new life.

We must not be hampered for funds while there is one progressive man in our valley who is not a member. Indeed, every man is a member, at least he is benefiting and he will benefit by the club's work. Every man should be a due payer.

We must maintain a travel information bureau. We must take measures to route a great volume of traffic through the valley. We must be prepared to carry our share of the 1922 fair budget and reap our share of its rewards. All this means we must be organized and equipped for bigger work.

Never before in the history of our valley have we had so much to look forward to. Outside the people believe in our future. New business houses are locating here. Inquiries about homes are constantly coming in and with the waning of the tide of depression we shall have the opportunity for a larger development than we have known. But we must be aroused, awake and prepared for the opportunity when it comes. Never has there been a time when a commercial club could function for the common good in so many necessary channels.

And so once more, gentlemen, I ask you to support the Hood River County Commercial Club, which is seeking to promote the common welfare.

SCHOOL FAIR IS SUCCESSFUL

PARKDALE WINS HIGH HONORS

Exhibits Varied and Meritorious—Potatoes and Vegetables Rush to State Fair

The Ninth Annual Industrial County School Fair held at the big school Saturday was unanimously voted by those who have been following development of these annual events the county's future citizens as the best ever held in the valley. Indeed, the youngsters put to shame the adults in their production of garden products and potatoes, and displays were removed at once to the State Fair at Salem for participation in honors with all districts.

The school fair had a very heavy attendance and families from all the 14 school districts motored here for the event. The school grounds were thickly packed with automobiles. The big auditorium was a fairland of flowers and artistically decorated booths. Farm animals, poultry and pet animals lined the shady sides of the school structure.

Community school exhibits were made by the Odell, Oak Grove, Central Vale, Pine Grove, Viento, Parkdale, Frankton and Barrett schools. The Oak Grove boys and girls utilized streamers and lattice work in a Japanese pergola effect that was very appealing. Above the Central Vale exhibits appeared the name spelled out with Siberian crab apples, each apple perfect in its deep red coloring. Viento won plaudits by accompanying the displays of flower and vegetable gardens with the representation of an Indian village. Frankton's products occupied a huge booth, covered with varicolored streamers.

While other districts excelled in artistic preparation of their products, Parkdale, as far as the merit of garden products and potatoes were concerned, outstripped all other schools. Experts declared that they had never beheld a finer lot of such products assembled by adults of the valley.

H. C. Seymour, who was here from the Oregon State Agricultural College, where he is superintendent of state industrial club work, appealed to County School Superintendent Gibson to have the Parkdale potatoes and vegetables entered at the state fair at Salem in the school fair department. The latter, however, stated that he had promised that the potatoes would go to Percy L. Manser, who has charge of the county's exhibit this week at Salem. Mr. Manser stated that his investigation had shown the Upper Valley boys' potatoes to be of far higher quality than those grown by any adults. When Mr. Seymour left he declared that he would rob the county exhibit of the tubers and place them in the state school fair department where they would bring greater glory, as he declared, to the students.

The Upper Valley youngsters have been in charge of Rev. W. O. Benthin, pastor of the Upper Valley United Church. They have held frequent meetings and have applied scientific methods of cultivation to their crops.

Free trips to Salem were won by the following students: Vienna Hukari, Mamie Samuelson, Irma Annals, members of the Oak Grove canning team; Arthur Babson and Russell Dowd, of Parkdale; and Margaret Moore and Madeline Miller, of Pine Grove.

LUNCH CLUB HEARS TALKS ON HEALTH

With Dr. V. R. Abraham, chairman for the day, the Tuesday Lunch Club members, their weekly meeting held at the Columbia Gorge Hotel, heard health addresses by Mrs. Glendora Blakeley, county health nurse, and W. F. Woodward, of Portland, member of the directorate of the Oregon Social Hygiene Society.

Mrs. Blakeley told how the county health work, which had been extremely successful in educating school children in disease prevention, had developed as a result of the war. The numerous defective young men called by the draft, she said, pointed out the need for an educational campaign for preventive sanitary measures.

Mrs. Blakeley stated that Hood River county physicians and dentists had helped her in her campaign by donating their services in cases where families could not afford to pay. She declared that one of her duties had been the examination of drinking water at various schools. In several cases the water supply had been found unfit for human use, and her discoveries had set school boards to work to make immediate correction. Mrs. Blakeley announced that a tuberculosis clinic would be held here soon.

The county health nurse declared that one of the greatest needs of the Hood River valley at present is a community hospital. Local hospital facilities were characterized by her as being very inadequate, and she declared that the people of the town and valley should unite in securing a larger and better hospital.

Mr. Woodward spoke on the successful results of the seven years' work of the Oregon Social Hygiene Society, demonstrated during the war by Oregon's selective draft quota showing the smallest percentage of social diseases of any state in the Union. Mr. Woodward, however, declared that the work of the organization should be furthered by instilling into the minds of young men and women love of home. Louis G. Clarke also made a short talk. Mr. Woodward and Mrs. Clarke were guests of Leslie Butler.

Hugh G. Ball will be chairman of the meeting next week. He asked that each member give thought to and prepare a brief statement as to what he considered one of Hood River's greatest needs.

Bowling Match Sunday

The Longshoreman Local team will come here from Portland to play the Hood River team at the Blue Diamond alleys at 2:30 p. m. Monday the local team, with Annala, Sherrill and Green, all making good scores, were defeated in Portland by the Hadley-Silver team. The score was close.

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